

# **COWWARR CHRONICLE**

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## **Dates for the Diary**

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>. Cowwarr Primary School Farm Fair Day**

Where: Cowwarr Primary School

From: 10am

Come along and join in a fun day for all the family. There will be market stalls, lots of great games and more. Tickets include lunch and afternoon tea and may be pre-purchased at the School or the Shop along with tickets for the "Cow Pat Lotto".

All enquiries contact the School on 5148 9271.

### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>. & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>. Annual SIDS and Kids Packhorse Ride to Walhalla**

Where Starts in Toongabbie and follows the Old Coach Road to Walhalla

This is a great weekend for those keen horse riders or, on Sunday a great day out to watch the parade down the main street in Walhalla and take part in the auction afterwards.

All money raised goes to the SIDS and Kids Foundation.

Numbers are limited so contact Dave Smith on 5148 9344 for information and registration details.

### **Samoa**

Samoa is a very stressful country, the maximum speed limit is 55kph on THE sealed road and 30kph on all other roads and through villages.

Villages are usually only a kilometre or so apart and all have speed humps at the entrance and also outside schools and Churches (usually about 3 per village).

Wonder if we could get VicRoads interested in this great concept????



## Notes from the Station September 2012

Calendar of upcoming events: mark these in your diary now.

Date	Event
16 September	Cowwarr Primary School Farm Day. CFA will have an organised presence.
30 September	First Aid – Refresher Course. GLTG
14 October	Group Exercise – All firefighters should try to attend.
25 November	CFA Sunday – Community Engagement in Fire Preparedness
2 December	Cutters Cup

Community Fire Safe. We'll be organising information sessions on the Weir Estate during October.

See the next issue for details.

### Training

Motor Vehicle Accidents – Speaker from the Major Collision Investigation Unit.

At the Hall – other Brigades invited. Supper after. When: September – to be advertised.

Training - CFA Course Listing – reduced to offerings within reasonable travel distance.

Start Date	End Date	Course Name	Course Code	Location	Nominations Close
16-10-12	23-10-12	CFA DRIVER REQUIREMENTS (LEGISLATION)	CFA067	MORWELL	24-09-12
21-10-12	21-10-12	CPR UPDATE	CFA21001	BOOLARRA	01-10-12
31-10-12	07-11-12	CFA DRIVER REQUIREMENTS (LEGISLATION)	CFA067	MAFFRA	08-10-12
12-11-12	01-12-12	LOW STRUCTURE A	CFA07501	HEYFIELD	22-10-12
17-11-12	09-12-12	DRIVE VEHICLES UNDER OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS	CFA308	SALE	19-11-12
24-11-12	02-12-12	DRIVE OFF ROAD	CFA28402	TRAINING GROUND WEST SALE	29-10-12
08-12-12	09-12-12	SECTOR COMMANDER REFRESHER	LMR0001	TRAINING GROUND WEST SALE	12-11-12
11-12-12	12-12-12	INTRODUCTION TO AIIMS	CFA40401	TRARALGON	20-11-12
16-12-12	16-12-12	STRIKE TEAM LEADER REFRESHER	NWA0046	TRAINING GROUND WEST SALE	19-11-12

First Aid Refresher Course for those who did the full course more than 3 years ago.

### TANKER ROSTER

This rostered activity is designed to keep you familiar with Tanker operations, and to provide a check on the workability of our 38 Hydrants. So, coordinate a suitable time with your partner, and take the tanker for a 30 Km warm-up.

Sep	Duty Officer	Gibbs			
Date	Driver	Phone	Crew	Phone	Hydrant
04	Steve Felmingham	0429 344009	Dave Morgan	5116 5602	14
11	Simon Mitchell	5148 9384	John Allen	5148 9443	15
18	Ray Pollard	5148 9305	Stuart James	5148 9150	16
25	Rob Gibbs	0409 566 320	Sean Tovey	5148 9433	17

### RUBBISH BURNS \*

The Law of Averages requires that we catch up on strong winds. Weather is into the Spring cycle with high pressure cells providing light winds every fourth or fifth day. But, this opportunity will be followed by strong (and drying) winds. So, make sure that your pile is totally burned and then put out cold! The frequency of CFA turn-outs to “false alarm” calls is increasing (but not here, although we could use some practice turn-outs). Well-meaning mobile phone equipped travellers are mistakenly calling in controlled burns as Wildfire events. If Vicfire isn't aware of your planned burn, then you can expect a visit from us, and we'll be thirsty. So, remember to register your burn and, of course, let the neighbours know!

Next management meeting Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>. September at the Shed

## Officer Contacts

		Home	Work	Mobile
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2nd Lieutenant	<b>Ken Walker</b>	<b>5148 9000</b>		<b>0429 708 556</b>
3rd Lieutenant	<b>Rob Gibbs</b>			<b>0409 566 320</b>
4th Lieutenant	<b>Veggy</b>			
Comms Officer	<b>Ann Gibbs</b>			<b>0412 085 076</b>
Secretary	<b>Brian Burleigh</b>	<b>5148 9364</b>	<b>5135 5387</b>	<b>0428 864 371</b>
EAS Pager	<b>1800 609 511</b>	<b>Pager Fault</b>		<b>1800 604 977</b>
FIRS	<b>1800 628 844</b>	<b>Vicfire*</b>		<b>1800 668 511</b>

Register a Burn-off **1800 668 511**

## Cowwarr Landcare Group



Our logo: the Gippsland  
Water Dragon  
AKA Physignathus lesueurii howitti  
Catch all our news by following the hyperlink to  
<http://westgippsland.landcarevic.net.au/cowwarr>

National Tree Day at the Weir - On the banks of the Thompson River at Cowwarr Weir, over 30 volunteers, including 10 kids turned up to plant indigenous species for National Tree Day 2012 on Sunday 29th July.

Wellington Shire Environmental Grants - Applications will be considered on a case by case basis, generally up to \$5000, depending on the scale of the project and the benefits it will provide. More information is available by calling the Natural Resource Planner, Wellington Shire Council during business hours on 1300 366 244.

The Environmental Grants Expression of Interest period is already open and closes on Sunday 30 September 2012.

Private landholders who have native vegetation or wetlands areas may qualify for a subsidy from Wellington Shire Council for vegetation protection and improvement works. Projects that may be funded include fencing to protect natural areas from stock, pest and weeds control and some revegetation projects where they enhance natural areas.

Working Bee – Swing Bridge reserve – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> and another planting coming up hopefully on 21<sup>st</sup> October. Contact Brian on 5148 9364



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